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H. J. RES. 76

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JANUARY 5, 1955

Mr. RODINO introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the formulation and carrying out of a program for sending freedom messages behind the Iron Curtain.

Whereas the President of the United States has stated: "In the struggle against expanding communism, we must miss no opportunity to rally men and women everywhere to the cause of freedom and progress, as opposed to the reaction of totalitarian policies and methods. We must fully develop under efficient, able direction every psychological weapon that is available to us"; and

Whereas communism will not permit a free press to report friendship between the world's peoples; and

Whereas, because of prevailing air currents, the use of balloons does offer a method of communication with the enslaved peoples of satellite countries; and

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Whereas this method has been tried and proved, with great success, in the case of Czechoslovakia and Poland, where more than eleven million messages have been delivered with profound results: Therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to
4 formulate and place into operation at the earliest practicable
5 date a program for the sending of freedom messages into the
6 satellite countries of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

7 SEC. 2. Such program shall include the sending of small
8 packages of food, accompanied by appropriate messages, by
9 balloon to the people of such countries. For such purposes,
10 the Secretary of State is authorized to use surplus agricultural
11 commodities in the hands of other Government departments
12 and agencies, and to reimburse such departments and agen-
13 cies for the costs thereof.

14 SEC. 3. The Secretary of State is authorized to use
15 existing personnel and facilities of the Department of State
16 and, with the consent of the head of the department or
17 agency concerned, of any other department or agency of
18 the Government in carrying out the provisions of this joint
19 resolution.

20 SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated
21 such sums, not to exceed \$2,000,000, as may be necessary
22 to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.

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